

CONSTRUCTION LAWLETTER

For Industry Professionals, Managers, Contractors, Subcontractors, Trades & Suppliers

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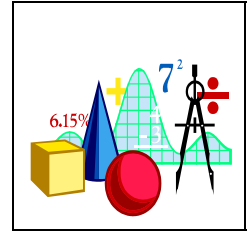
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CONSTRUCTION GENERAL COUNSEL

Having trouble with the legal fine print? Retaining CGC – Construction General Counsel to address construction-related legal, technical and business problems, will free up management to attend to that part of their business they know best. Counsel may be retained not as a full-time employee, but on an as needed basis.

For many years, General Counsel have served businesses, industry and law firms effectively and economically as a valuable liaison. Now, small and medium businesses can also benefit from these advantages enjoyed by large corporate entities, of having someone knowledgeable and familiar with their own, particular business or industry, but sworn to the secrecy and privilege afforded by law and enjoyed by the clients of independent counsel.

The varied services of CGC may include addressing a broad range of business and construction-related matters, for example:

Selecting legal business structure: Corporation, Sub-S Corp., LLC-Limited Liability Companies, General Partnerships, Limited Partnerships, Professional Associations, or Sole Proprietorship. Subcontracting, Supplying, Franchising, Business buy-sell agreements, strategies, Fictitious or assumed business name, Choosing a real property location, Real Estate investments; purchases "no money down", Hobbies, expenses deductible as business, Why Safe Deposit boxes may not be "safe", Legitimate business expense for tax deduction purposes, Personal expense v. tax deductible business expense, Business permits, Individual licenses, Accreditation, Lease v. purchase business location, Lease vs. purchase equipment, options, Selecting accounting services, Business credit, loan ABC's, Grants, tax incentives, development assistance, Product liability, warning labels, Trademarks, Copyrights, Trade dress and avoiding patent, trademark or copyright problems, Address labor and tax questions, Disputes with credit bureaus, Dissolution, bankruptcy, or reorganization, Partnership or joint venture, Venture capital, Wills, Living Trusts, Probate, Avoiding probate, costs, taxes, Business and Personal Collections, bad checks, Real estate purchases, no down payment, Benefits of Inc. or LLC-Limited Liability Company Using employees vs independent contractors, "Full and Final Payment" – endorsement valid,

enforceable, or wholly invalid? Lien Releases, forbearances, waivers, satisfaction, Business and personal litigation, prosecution, defense, Jobsite Safety, Injury, Personal Injury, DUI, ADA, EPA, BOCA, OSHA, BWC, OBES, and many others in the industry.

Construction General Counsel have additional education, experience and training in the construction business, the professions, industry and trades, vital to understanding the construction "language". Every effective management team in the increasingly competitive business of construction should now seriously consider and act to bring in CGC- Construction General Counsel as an important professional business ally.. * * *

We know what a person thinks not when he tells us what he thinks, but by his actions.

Isaac Bashevis Singer (1904-1991)

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GREAT LITERARY TAUNTS

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." --- Forrest Tucker

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." --- Mark Twain

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." --- Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go." -- Oscar Wilde

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." -- Oscar Wilde

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." --- Billy Wilder